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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-14, and 16-19 are currently pending. Claims 2 and 7 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 17-19 have been added to further define the scope of patent protection for Applicant's claimed invention and are supported by page 8, lines 9-22, and page 6, lines 22-30, of the specification as filed, and original claim 8. Claims 1, 6, 12, and 14 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of cancelled claims 2 and 7. Claims 8, 10, and 11 have been amended for clarification purposes. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

The Patent Office provided preferred guidelines regarding the format of a utility application and objected to the title. Applicant believes that these matters were addressed in the preliminary amendment of October 8, 2004 and requests confirmation from the Patent Office.

The Patent Office rejected claims 1-14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Boroumand, U.S. Published Patent Application.

Boroumand discloses a computer system where some of the keys of an end-user PC keyboard can be defined as hotkeys by the end-user. This happens utilizing a special hotkey setup program. During the setup, the end-user associates a key (or several keys) to a certain device or network address (addresses). After running the installation program, the pressing of a user-defined hotkey, the PC is directly connected to a corresponding world wide web (www) page, which the end-user has associated with that particular hotkey (e.g., paragraph 0036). Boroumand also discloses that www pages may be accessed through tapping with a stylus, nodding in a particular direction while in a virtual reality environment, pointing a finger while wearing a haptic glove, or even by audible sounds such as whistling (paragraph 0084).

However, Boroumand does not disclose that **an input to the address field** of a network browser changes the outlook and function of the address field and/or soft keys.

Thus, Boroumand does not anticipate claims 1, 3-6, 8-14, and 16-19.

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and remove the rejections of the claims 1, 3-6, 8-14, and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) based on Boroumand, U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/0156870, and to allow all of the pending claims 1, 3-6, 8-14, and 16-19 as now presented for examination. An early notification of the allowability of claims 1, 3-6, 8-14, and 16-19 is earnestly solicited.

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